Colorado County Fair Events & News

FAIR ROYALTY

Once again the Colorado County Fair Association will hold contests for the young people of the county. Lynda Appelt, past fair president of Eagle Lake, will be Mistress of Ceremonies for the pageants. Luane Schindler will serve as contest chairman.

The Little Mr. and Mrs. contest is for children ages 4, 5 and 6, as of Sept. 1, 1995. The Junior Mr. and Miss contest will include children ages 7, 8 and 9, as of Sept. 1, 1995.

The Little Mr. and Miss will begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10, at the Eagle Lake Primary School.

It will consist of a private interview with each contestant and an onstage interview with the finalists only.

The Junior Mr. and Mrs. will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, also at Eagle Lake Primary School.

It will consist of a private interview with each contestant and an onstage interview with the finalists only.

Western attire must be worn by the contestants.

Judging will be by out-of-county judges and will be based on 90% personality and 10% on western dress.

For complete contest rules and entry forms, contact your local chairman Gloria McCain in Columbus at 732-5881; Lynda Appelt, Eagle Lake, 234-5878; Monica Lehrer, Garwood, 758-3437; and Donna Geuntert, Weimar, 725-6635.

The deadline to enter both the Little Mr. and Miss and the Junior Mr. and Miss is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1.

FAIR QUEEN CONTESTS

Contestants are still being sought for the Colorado County Fair Queen and Junior Queen Contests to be held Saturday, Sept. 9.

There are two divisions in the contest. Girls between the ages of 10 and 13 are invited to enter the Junior Queen Contest.

Young ladies from 14 to 21 may enter the Fair Queen Contest.

All contestants must be single and a resident of Colorado or attend school within the county.

Junior contestants must sell $200 in season passes to the Fair to qualify for the event. The older girls must sell $500 in passes to qualify.

Two queens will be named from among the older group of contestants. The young lady selling the most season passes in advance will be named Membership Queen. She will receive a $500 scholarship and a life membership in the Fair Association.

The Fair Queen will be chosen by out-of-county judges. She will be judged on appearance, personality and poise, and will receive the $500 Leslie Schmidt Heard Memorial Scholarship.

Entry forms and complete rules may be obtained by calling queen chairman Pamela Potter at 732-2705 or one of the following local chairmen: Deborah Hayward, 725-8325; Lynda Appelt, 234-5878; Jana Birmingham, 758-3040.

The deadline to enter is Saturday, Aug. 26.

FAIR PARADE

Entries are being sought for the annual Colorado County Fair Parade to be held Saturday, Sept 16, beginning at 11 a.m., in downtown Columbus.

First, second and third place rosettes will be awarded in each category. A special rosette will be given to the most outstanding entry.

Anyone not having received an entry form in the mail, may pick one up at Lee Briscoe's Real Estate and Tax Service or Potter's Western Store, both in Columbus.

Entry forms and information are also available from parade chairman Dora Briscoe, 732-3697.

The deadline to enter the parade is Wednesday, Sept. 13.

COLLECTIVE HOBBIES

A collective Hobbies Contest will be one of the events held during the 1995 Colorado County Fair, Sept. 14-17. The competition will be open to youth and adults who are residents of the county.

Collections of all kinds, ranging from bottles, coins, spoons and stamps to bricks, barbed wire, date nails, stickers, baseball cards and salt and pepper shakers may be entered.

Entries will be judged for first, second and third place ribbons. A rosette will be awarded to the primary youth, junior youth, senior youth, adult and golden age adult chosen as Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show.

Entry cards and Fair Catalogues containing complete rules for the contest are available at The First National Bank in Eagle Lake, Oak 'n Acorn in Sheridan, Nada Grocery, County Extension Office and Potter's Western Store in Columbus, Weimar City Hall, Heinsohn's in Frelsburg and Bernardo Farm & Ranch Supply.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Henry Potter at 732-2705 or 732-2288 or Teddy and Mildred Schultz at 357-2142.

Entries must be pre-registered by Friday, Sept. 8.

FINE ARTS CONTESTS

Residents of Colorado County are invited to enter the Art Show, Photography Contest and the Western Art Contest (school age children only) to be held in conjunction with the County Fair, Sept. 14-17.

The Art Show will offer divisions for pre-school art, youth art (elementary through high school), adult beginners, adult amateurs, semi-professionals and professional artists.

This show is open to all subject matter and media, including sculpture. All work will be judged on its own individual merit.

First, second and third place ribbons will be given. All blue ribbons works in each division will compete for a Best of Show rosette to be awarded to the outstanding entry in each division.

Further information can be obtained from Art Show Chairman Charlotte Fox at 732-3472.

The Photography Contest is open to youth and adults, The youth will be divided into three groups for judging: primary, ages 4 to 8; junior, ages 9 to 13; and senior, ages 14 to 18.

The adult work will be grouped into three sections: amateur, semi-professional and professional.

Color and black and white photographs will be accepted. Adult entries must be enlarged to 8x10 or larger. Youth entires need not be enlarged.

Additional information is available from Photography Contest Chairman Debbie Herring at 732-3227 or Vice Chairman Robin Moeller at 732-6589.

The Western Art Contest is open to all elementary, junior and senior high school students of Colorado County. All work must depict a western theme.

Elementary, junior high and high school work will be judged separately.

There will be three sections in the contest: illustrations, cartoons and three-dimensional work (such as clay sculptures or other types of constructions). Students may submit one entry in each section, if they so desire. There is no entry fee in this contest.

Contact chairman Rita Ruffeno at 732-5966 for more information.

Entry cards and Fair Catalogues containing complete rules for the Art Show, Photography and Western Art Contests may be obtained at The First National Bank pf Eagle Lake, the Oak 'n Acorn in Sheridan, Nada Grocery, County Extension Office and Potter's Western Store in Columbus, Weimar City Hall, Heinsohn's in Frelsburg and Bernardo Farm & Ranch Supply.

The deadline to pre-register entires for all events is Friday, Sept. 8.

COUNTRY STORE

The Country Store at the Colorado County Fair takes on a different theme each year. Some of the themes have been, "Something for Everyone", "Start Your Christmas Shopping Early" and "Bargain Bonanza".

These titles still tell the true story of the store's benefits. This year is "Customer Appreciation" and each customer will receive a ticket to be deposited in a hopper for a prize drawing on Sunday, Sept. 17.

Tammy Sodalak, chairman, and her helpers truly appreciate their customers during fair visits.

According to early reports from crafters over the county, once again the Country Store will live up to its reputation of being one of the best stores at fairs in this area of Texas, with a wide assortment of crafts.

Friday evening, Sept. 15, the store opens for business and will follow gate time openings with a closing time of 10 p.m. each night.

A yearly favorite, the Christmas section, will present toys, wreaths, angels, ornaments and personal gifts. There will be children's clothes for the little ones, T-shirts, household items, decorations for each season as well as sports items. Wood, cloth and plastic home decorations and gift items can always be found.

There will be new ideas, old favorites and a few surprises. Don't miss out on being one of the customers... "appreciated customers"!

4-Hers honored

Among those honored at the 4-H banquet this past Friday night, Aug. 18, were, from left, Cindy Weishuhn of Frelsburg was selected 4-H Leader of the Year; Brandy Tuck of Live Oak 4-H was named Most Involved Member; and James Raabe, was selected Friend of 4-H.

Headlight Photos by Carol Cardenas and Stacy Alley

Leslie Trammell of Pioneer 4-H and Jenny Hajovsky of Sheridan 4-H received the "I Dare You" Award; Ryan Brandt of Wildclover 4-H received a Gold Star Award; and Matthew Ross of Live Oak 4-H received the Bronze Star Award. Francis Mrkwa and Justin Flores of Rice 4-H were also awarded the Gold Star Award and Silver Star Award, respectively, but were unable to attend the banquet.

The Sheridan 4-H Club was named the Outstanding 4-H Club during the recent banquet at Rice High School. Pictured above are members and leaders, front row, from left, Margie Leopold, Andrew Varley and Amanda Janik. In the back row, Darnell Varley, Shari Grahmann (who was also awarded the FCE scholarship), Marge Leopold, Jenny Hajovsky, Dana Leopold and Leigh Jackson.

Morris

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action committee money from the halls of Congress," Morris stated. "That is why I will not accept special interest PAC money."

Special interest PACs give corporations, labor unions and groups with special interest agendas a means of providing candidates large sums of money. Congress often passes legislation that directly benefits special interests who fund Congressional campaigns, which is a national disgrace.

"The allure of easy campaign money often clouds the minds of our elected officials in Washington," Morris said. "Too often, Congress puts the needs of special interests above the will of the people. The people know it and are tired of it, and so am I."

Morris added, "Medicare reform is an issue that should not be held hostage to the Washington money game."

According to a report issued last month by State Comptroller John Sharp, the Republican plan, voted for by Congressman Laughlin, for Medicare cuts $26.17 million in Colorado County alone over the next seven years.

There are 3,782 (21% of the population) senior citizens in Colorado County. According to Sharp, Republican Medicare cuts amount to $6,920 for every County resident who is 65 years of age or older over the next seven years.

Morris said, "There is a better way to reform Medicare; we must cut fraud, waste and abuse by increasing the penalties for those who steal our tax dollars through Medicare scams. We must have competitive bidding for medical supplies.

"If we cut the waste, fraud and abuse out of Medicare, our senior citizens will always have quality health care which includes the doctor of their choice and unrationed medicine. We don't need a Republican plan that allows the insurance bureaucracy to get a big piece of our Medicare tax dollars," he added.

"We must remove special interest politics from the dialogue on how to make Medicare work," Morris said. "That's why I have called upon Congressman Greg Laughlin to refuse campaign contributions from all special interest PACs, especially those that represent corporations who would profit from Medicare cuts."

ELCH Patients

Week ending 8-17-95

ADMISSIONS

Eagle Lake: Edward Priesmeyer, Dan Thornton, Mary Barclay, Bessie Birdwell; Garwood: Cora Tuttle; Sealy: Marchell Green.

DISMISSALS

Eagle Lake: Edmond Schindler, Andrew Spates, Lavada Laughlin; Sealy: Marie Elizondo, Lois Glueck; Louise: Amy Tupa & Baby Girl; El Campo: Deborah Bledsaw & Baby Girl; Ipswich, Australia: Olwyn Felton.

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New teachers, staff welcomed to Rice CISD

A reception for new staff members in the Rice CISD was held prior to the Aug. 14 School Board meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott welcomed 26 new staff members "to the team".

"We're embarking on a new future in this district... one where we are constantly evaluating and changing for the betterment of our children... and we're glad you chose to join us," Gott told those gathered.

Gott introduced Board of Trustees President Melody Grigar who in turn introduced her fellow board members and school administrators.

School principals then introduced the staff members new to each of their campuses.

Suzane Sykowski, who recently assume the position as secretary to Dr. Gott, coordinated the reception.

Deep in a conversation with Jeanette Knigge, right, director of Special Education Coop for Rice, are, from left, Deena Moore and Christine Feehery, new teachers at Eagle Lake Middle School; and Kathy Barnes, new ELPS kindergarten teacher.

New coaches at Rice High School, Greg Cowart, left, and Troy Holcombe, center, visit with Sheridan Principal Larry Varley during the recent reception.

Headlight Photo by Lynda Appelt

Janow honored with shower

Charlet Janow was honored with a baby shower at her place of employment Rice Regional MHA on Wednesday, Aug. 16.

The conference room was decorated in her colors of hot pink, purple and jade along with hearts, teddy bears and balloons. The main table was covered with purple and held the cake which was decorated in her colors with a teddy bear holding a string of hearts.

Finger foods were served including sandwiches, chips, dips, vegetable bars, a ham and cheese roll, crackers, cheese, vegetables, fruit and tea.

As guests arrived, they registered in her baby book.

Charlet received various gifts including a diaper genie from the Wharton Clinic and a baby swing from her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Jones of Eagle Lake.

Special guest were her mother and her niece Tiffany Moore of Garwood.

Hostesses for the event were her co-workers: Lori Baumgarten, Cindy Boone, Amanda Darr, Margie Dornak, Kim Gellner, Glenna Ferrell, Etta Mayfield, Lisa Moers, Dee O'Canas and Pam O'Quinn.

Prairie Edge Museum report

The Board of Directors of the Prairie Edge Museum met a 7 p.m. on Aug. 7. Gretchen Wilkerson sat in for secretary Jeanie Leopold and there was no treasurer's report as Ethel McCreary got stuck "somewhere in Texas". We understand she got "unstuck" shortly after.

The Thrift Shop made a grand sum of $327 last month - well done, ladies.

An educator's guide to the Museum has been complied by Rollin Baker and Helen Craig. Helen has spoken to the superintendent and principals of Rice CISD. The proposal to incorporate the Museum in more history programs was enthusiastically received. Jonna and Wayne Bowen of Laker Printing donated the printing of the guide - many thanks to them.

On going business included needing to continue to press for thorough training of docents and guides, especially now that the schools will be starting to use the Museum more. Rollin, watch out — Helen Craig is after you!!

David Mann is also working on a computer program to catalog all the items in the Museum. This enormous task will fall to Mike Gould as soon as the computer program is ready.

A wonderful Wurlitzer organ has been donated by Mr. Bill Rhodes and will be featured in the PJs coming production of "Tom Sawyer".

Fund raising activities and suggestions included: a haunted house for Halloween which Gretchen will investigate, with a costume party and competition, as well as a bake sale. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact a board member or Helen.

PJs met for the first play reading on Sunday, Aug. 20, with a fine turn out of 27 young people. Bits and pieces of "Tom Sawyer—the musical" were read and enjoyed by all the children and the adults who were helping out. PJs encourages everyone between the ages of 5 and 15 to audition for a part in the upcoming production Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Prairie Edge Museum. For more details, call Deborah Reed at 234-2601.

The meeting closed at 8 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 4 (Labor Day).

Dancy honored at shower

A miscellaneous bridal shower was given for Anita Dancy, bride-elect of Melvin Jones III, at the home of Mrs. Mervie Howard on Saturday, Aug. 19.

Hostesses were Sandra Cain, Maggie Anderson, Hazel Mason, Robbie Johnson, Ada Tillman and Veronica Curry.

Guests were the groom's aunts, Helen Hurd and Herminia Marshall both of Columbus; the bride's aunt, Katherine Green and her daughter Kaysha of Missouri City; Gloria and Tori Williams of Columbus; Cassandra Solomon and Teria Edwards of Huntsville; Nannie Castle, Edna Clark, Gail Shavers, Eve'lyn Thomas, Sherry Stovall, Roxanne Walker and the bride's mother, Annie Dancy, all of Eagle Lake.

Games were played, along with a delicious buffet lunch and cake. A good time was had by all the guests.

About Town...

•Sgt. Gary Stavinoha presented a program to the Noon Lions Club about the new Colorado County jail. The facility currently being used was built in 1940 and designed to handle 48 prisoners. However, the current jail standards only allow for 15 prisoners. The new facility will hold 100 prisoners.

•On June 3-6 Tara Hagendorf attended a state leadership conference in Trinidad. The theme of the camp was "Reaching New Heights". Texas FFA Officers put on the camp for area officers. Tara participated in many leadership workshops and conferences. Tara serves Area III as first vice-president. Area III has roughly 10,000 members

Announcing A New Arrival

Christopher Michael Sommerlatte

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sommerlatte of Eagle Lake, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a son, born August 15, 1995, at 2:26 a.m. at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton.

Christopher Michael weighed five pounds, 12 ounces and measured 18 inches at birth. The attending physician was Dr. Jeffery Gubbels.

He was welcomed home by his great-grandmother's Lillian Frnka and Agnes Brast. Grandparents are Delano and Linda Frnka and Charles and Simona Girtman of Eagle Lake.

The mother is the former Sherri Frnka.

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Club & Organization News

Eagle Lake Rotary appraised of 1995 waterfowl season

Eagle Lake Rotarians received the latest word about the 1995 edition of the always spectacular North American waterfowl migration during their Aug. 16 luncheon.

Jimmy Dunks, Senior Regional Director of Ducks Unlimited, Inc., of Austin and State DU Chairman Jim Rutta of Columbus in short order lucidly covered salient points about the life history and management of the most popular species which crowd our prairies and fallow rice fields in late fall, winter, and early spring.

Devoted and longtime supporter David Wintermann chaired the program in which theses waterfowl experts focused their attention mostly on lesser snow geese. Slides depicted their life history - from the egg stage on the Arctic tundra breeding grounds to the adult birds fattening themselves on Eagle Lake area wintering grounds.

The speakers emphasized that lesser snow geese are grazers not "grainers." Areas surrounding their bleak semi-frigid nesting grounds look almost as overgrazed as are some West Texas cow pastures. Happily our local economy, these hungry geese depart the Eagle Lake area prior to spring green-up time in the rice fields.

Speaker Dunks cheerfully reported that hunting regulations existing today have, in no way, damaged snow goose populations. In fact, annual government censuses show that the birds are increasing and even expanding the extent of both their northern breeding grounds and southern wintering havens. Nesting in Arctic wastes inaccessible to goose - and egg-hungry humans is a major reason for the continued success of lesser snow geese.

As for ducks, Mr. Dunks was a little less enthusiastic. He noted that pintail and other species are slowly rebounding, but populations of all our "puddle" ducks continue to suffer because of nesting habitat loss. Much of their traditional breeding sites in prairie pot holes in the northern Great Plains has disappeared, beginning as early as the dust-stormy 1930s. The pot holes have been drained and in their places are wheat fields and other agricultural crops.

Even so, the speakers reminded the Rotarians, both the governments of the United States and Canada plus dedicated private support groups like Duck Unlimited Inc., are re-establishing vast amounts of prime nesting grounds.

Overall, the DU speakers' prognosis is favorable. And by the way here's an alert for all of you local hunters, it's close to the time when you need to bring out your old blunderbusses out from the dusty corner of the garage, wipe off the grime and give them some polish. Also, dig down in your jeans for the wherewithall to buy licenses, duck stamps and day-hunting fees.

Xi Pi Psi Sorority

Lynda Appelt was hostess for the Aug. 1 meeting, serving a delicious salad buffet on the poolside patio to celebrate the wedding announcement of Dot Kingsley to Clyde Smith.

A lovely crystal bowl was presented to Dot with love and best wishes from all her sorority sisters. A special decorated bridal cake from hostess Lynda and an assortment of drinks topped off the festive evening.

During the short business session conducted by President Connie Lange, it was told that the committee of social and rosebud will be co-chaired by Pat Cook and Ernie Sommerlatte. With much regret, the leave of absence by Kay Thomas was accepted. Mary Lou Szymanski was voted vice-president to fill the office left by Kay.

Summer announcements from members passing decorated candy filled baskets were made. Anna Mae Wiese's son David and wife Sheryl expect their first visit from the stork in Feb. This will be #3 for "Grammy" Anna Mae. Cherry "Mimi" Corman announced the arrival of her second grandchild, Hannah Elizabeth , born on July 6. Lisa and Ed Weinheimer are the proud parents.

Pat Cook, also know as Mimi, welcomed Cydney Marie, born July 7, to son Billy and his wife Denise.

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